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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/01/03	10/25/03
BRO-FRY	163,565	160,301
LT HENS	1,294	1,239
HVY HENS	1,422	1,431

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	100	4	104
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	92	0	92
SAME WEEK YR AGO	212	7	219
TO-DATE/2003	9,820	141	9,961
TO-DATE/2002	13,224	265	13,489

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,237	1,387	2,624
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,256	1,378	2,634
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,054	1,537	3,591
TO-DATE/2003	72,437	60,447	132,884
TO-DATE/2002	88,885	61,018	149,903

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520
AVG WT	5.25	3.44	7.95	5.92
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542
SAME WK YR AGO	158,649	1,842	1,530	3,372
AVG WT	5.22	3.49	7.91	5.50
TO-DATE/2003	6,613,830	62,617	60,306	122,923
TO-DATE/2002	6,688,770	75,661	60,753	136,414

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.3 million head or 2.7 million head less than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	28,310	24,861	52,102
Avg Weight	3.77	4.79	6.27
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	16,750	18,866	33,600
Avg Weight	3.79	4.80	6.24
% of total /1	24%	27%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,828	27,588	55,445
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.11
% of total /1	24%	25%	51%
To date/2003	972,399	989,360	1,867,986
To date/2002	1,077,891	930,121	1,727,434

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING
/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,801	3,022	78	0	4,901
AVG WT	16.04	34.33	26.61	0.00	27.49
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823
SAME WK YR AGO	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
AVG WT	15.76	35.23	26.22	25.77	27.83
TO-DATE/2003	80,127	117,298	2,706	563	200,694
TO-DATE/2002	78,814	117,988	2,305	399	199,506

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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